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To foster unity between humanity and the mutant nation of Krakoa, Earth's mightiest heroes, the Avengers, and the mutant X-Men formed a single team to help defend the Earth. Together, they are the…

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LUNAR AVENGERS

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"NEW AVENGERS"

Mutantkind is more endangered than ever before. The anti-mutant organization **Orchis** attacked the Hellfire Gala and issued an ultimatum: For every mutant found on the planet, Orchis would annihilate increasing numbers of humans. With no other choice, **Charles Xavier** psychically banished all mutants from Earth; only a handful with training were able to resist his telepathic command.

In response to the rising anti-mutant sentiment, **Captain America** re-formed the **Avengers Unity Squad**, recruiting former members of both the **X-Men** and the **Avengers**. The mysterious **Captain Krakoa** also formed a new iteration of the terrorist **Mutant Liberation Front**. The two teams faced off at a military base, and in the course of the battle, Captain Krakoa badly wounded Captain America!

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America could be a great country--

--if its leaders weren't weak-minded fools...

...intent on giving away our inheritance to trespassers.

BOOM

Augh!

SPTING

Adjusting for wind. And Orchis stupidity.

The next shot will go through Captain Krakoa's big square jaw.

Not long ago, Orchis secretly made an attempt on Captain America's life.

Steve Rogers didn't ask *Black Widow* to shadow him, but he could feel her in the shadows, just out of sight.

This Krakoan battle suit is quite a wonder--it's already self-healing. Shame the same can't be said about your arm, Rogers.

I'll fight you one-handed--then it'll be fair, murderer.

Quicksilver: Get behind their defenses--there'll be a second team working on the base.

On it, Cap.

But first, I must do what comes naturally when I see the most slappable face on the planet.

Hello, Andreas.

SMACK

OOF!

Hnnh.

The new *Mutant Liberation Front* was at this base to steal nuclear weapons.

Quicksilver knew their support soldiers didn't stand a chance--because if there is one thing that Pietro Maximoff is--it's *fast.*

But if there's a *second* thing that Quicksilver is--it's *overconfident.*

Piss off, mutie.

PAFF

Cough!

Cough! Cough!

Ughn!

KRAK

We have the "broken arrow" and one injured. We're exfiltrating now, Captain Krakoa.

I don't want to fight you, Monet!

WHAKK

I do!

You see them, Blob?

Penance, Rogue, Psylocke... they're all traitors to their species.

Wildside-- finish her!

With pleasure!

You should be fightin' alongside us!

KRAKOOM

Whoa!

Hey, Captain Corsage--guess who has a pouch filled with DDT and--

PAFF

Shut up, clown.

KRAK

Aargh!

The X-Men's battlesuit wasn't the only thing that had been stolen. Their jet, the *Thunderbird*, was also seen flying these terrorists all over the world.

And that was the point, of course.

We have what we came for. But, you mutants, know this: Krakoa fell because it rotted from within. Weak mutants killed it.

If you want to join the liberation--next time, swear fealty to Captain Krakoa.

Black Widow to Avengers--I've got an old S.H.I.E.L.D. clunker ready to pursue--get on board now.

I hate that woman.

You hate *all* women, Andreas.

Present company excepted, of course, Andrea.

SKRABOOM

BADOOM

@$%!

Deadpool, track the X-Men's stolen jet via satellite.

Already on it.

It's not my fault. They gassed me.

I promised no jokes--but Pietro is making this *difficult.*

I think I found someone who can tell us where they're going...

Speak now before I open your carotids.

Sure, I'll talk--

--humanity first!

KRIK

Cyanide.

Yes.

I thought you were a *telepath,* Kwannon?

I thought you were a *pilot,* Natasha?

He's got a sophisticated psi-blocker embedded in his head...

Let's get back to base. We need to regroup... and maybe *rethink.*

Ellis Island.
The home base of Steve Rogers' reconstituted Unity Squad.

I don't want to know where you managed to get one of Bucky's old arms.

The Super-Soldier Serum in your system will heal you fast, but the frame of his robotic arm will keep you in the fight.

I've got full range of movement. Let's see how the shield flies--

WHAKK

KRAK

Right as rain.

Rogue. You look like you have something on your mind.

Ah do, Cap. And this'll be a hard conversation to have, and we don't do it lightly, but--

This is taking too long--Cap, we don't think you should lead this team!

Excuse me?

Yeah... excuse you.

Ah'm taking over the Unity Squad.

We want ya around, but positionin' you as the tip of the spear is...a *mistake.*

Ha!

You can't be serious.

So many mutants are already dead or missing. If Captain Krakoa kills an Avenger--the world won't hesitate to fall in line behind Orchis.

And if whoever is behind that mask kills *Captain America*--

--we won't just be fighting Orchis, the Sentinels and the rest, we'll be fighting *everyone*.

I wish you wouldn't interrupt me, Monet.

I can appreciate your concern.

I recall the same arguments when I deployed to Europe to fight the Nazis. "What if Captain America should fall?"

And the answer is the same today as it was before I went into the ice...

...if I do my job right, *if* Captain America falls, then ***someone else*** is inspired to rise to the occasion.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a rendezvous with a contact about opening a new front in the war on Orchis.

People think I'm funny, but you mutants are the real crack-ups.

All you *do* is lose.

Wade, please, ah ain't in the mood for jokes.

Who's joking?

I haven't had time to change my underwear since you guys last lost a war.

There was the first Mutant Massacre, there was this new one that was a frame job, several Infernos, and I don't even know what "Decimation" was, but it sounds ***bad.***

And how do you react to Cap being injured?

You want to chase away the one guy you ***always*** bet on, the one guy who never loses...even when folks around him do.

Not a smart play. I'm Team Cap.

CLICK

When the chips are down, you can't start making fearful decisions. Now...

...what the hell does Orchis want a U.S. military nuclear weapon for?

The Bloom.
Orchis' orbital planetary defense platform.

Excuse me-- excuse me! What the hell does our guy want a nuclear weapon for?!

DAILY BUGLE
NUKE STOLEN!

Did I miss a meeting, M.O.D.O.K.?

Captain Krakoa is supposed to be whipping up anti-mutant sentiment so we can flip the last switches and go home.

It's obvious, Doctor Stasis, our man is just *improvising* a bit. Look at the panic it's generated! And it's all at the mutants' feet.

I think we both knew when we brought that soldier out of "retirement" that he might have a difficult time following orders.

Ha-ha-ha!

Omelets and eggs and so forth! *Ha!*

It wouldn't be the end of the world if Captain Krakoa nuked an American city, but it might make Orchis look weak for not having stopped him. I just hope it's not a city I enjoy.

Perhaps we don't need Cincinnati?

At a decommissioned U.S. military base...
in an undisclosed location.

Surely we must be able to do something else for food? These "meals ready to eat" are quite the opposite in fact.

Agreed. Quite disgusting.

...

But I suppose taste, like beauty, is...

Everyone, wash up and get ready to hit the hay. Lights out in an hour. We have big days coming up. I won't tolerate a force that is not ready to fight. If we fail to prepare...

...we prepare to fail.

Exactly.

SNORE

Excuse me, Captain--

Kill me.

--but my sister is in there.

Uh-huh.

You didn't seem like the type to fraternize with the troops, *Herr* Captain.

Oh, it's *you.*

Yes, it's me...

...and if you utter my name to anyone, even the others in our squad...then my next embrace won't be so gentle.

Hhmph!

At that moment, several states away, a very different meeting of the minds was occurring on the rooftop of the *Daily Bugle* in Manhattan.

I'll admit that I was surprised to hear from you, Captain.

Thanks for your time, Mr. Urich. I've long been an admirer of your writing.

I always have time for a former corroborating witness...

...on one of my most famous exposés.*

*See *Daredevil: Born Again.* --Tom

You helped me take down the Kingpin.

Fat load of good that did this city in the end. But...if you're knocking on *my* door... then the good guys must be even more desperate than I thought.

The truth matters.

I sure hope so.

That isn't Cyclops running around as Captain Krakoa.

The true identity of Captain Krakoa is important, but it needs to lead us to the people pulling the strings--

Orchis.

I need *evidence.* Especially if we're going to run a piece about an organization that's filling S.H.I.E.L.D.'s shoes and has a higher approval rating than any of the current presidential candidates.

Brute force isn't getting us out of this. Cyclops told me the truth, and his people paid a price.

I owe it to him to try to write the truth of this so-called Mutant Massacre on Krakoa.

But they left no human witnesses.

*Eh. **Maybe.*** Rumor has it there were survivors. I even hear that the mutants are sitting on a human witness from the Hellfire Gala this year.

Interesting. I'll do some digging.

Good luck, Captain... We're all going to need it...

"...because now there's a missing nuclear weapon, God help us.

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"There's a pit in my stomach.

SCIENCE BUILDING

"I hope I'm wrong...

PHYSICS

"...but something tells me the Mutant Massacre was only the beginning of the carnage."

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WHAT COULD GO WRONG WITH RADIOACTIVITY AT EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY?

KRAKOA is for all MUTANTS

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WHAT COULD GO WRONG WITH [illegible] AT [illegible]?

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ALPHA FLIGHT #2:

WOLVERINE #37:

The Unity Squad faces off against the Mutant Liberation Front. Blood will be spilled, and one will fall -- TO DEATH! Plus, Captain America's been hit with grenades, bullets and bombs, but somebody lobs something at Captain America we've never seen before…

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